

Please amend the application as follows:**In the Claims¹:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 39, 40, 41, 60, 61, 65 and 66 as follows:

1. (amended) A fastening device for promoting the assembly and adherence of associated pieces upon exposure to electromagnetic energy, comprising a susceptor sheet and a heat-activatable adhesive on at least one surface of said susceptor, wherein (a) when a test surface congruent in shape to the susceptor surface is placed onto the outward side of the adhesive, at least about 35% of the area of adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of from about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to about 0.001".
2. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 1 wherein at least about 35% of the area in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to about 0.001".
6. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 5 wherein (c) when a test surface congruent in shape to the susceptor surface is placed against the inward side of the adhesive, at least about 35% of the area of the inward side of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of from about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to about 0.001".
7. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 6 wherein at least about 35% of the area of the inward side of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to about 0.001".

1. The claims marked to show the changes are set forth on Appendix A.

15. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 10 wherein

at least about 50% of the area of the outward surface of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to about 0.001";

from about 0.001% of to about 15% of the area of the test surface is in pre-bonding contact with the outward surface of the adhesive; and

from about 1% to about 35% of the total area of the test surface is in contact with the adhesive, as measured by the post-bonding test procedure defined herein.

39. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 22 wherein

at least about 50% of the area of the outward surface of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to about 0.001";

from about 0.001% of to about 15% of the area of the test surface is in pre-bonding contact with the outward surface of the adhesive; and

from about 1% to about 35% of the total area of the test surface is in contact with the adhesive, as measured by the post-bonding test procedure defined herein.

40. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 39 wherein at least about 50% of the area of the outward surface of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of about $\frac{3}{16}$ " to about 0.001".

41. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 39 wherein at least about 75% of the area of the outward surface of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of about $\frac{3}{16}$ " to about 0.001".

60. (amended) A fastening device for promoting the assembly and adherence of associated pieces upon exposure to electromagnetic energy, comprising a susceptor sheet and a heat-activatable adhesive on at least one surface of said susceptor, wherein (c) when a test surface congruent in shape to the susceptor surface is placed against the inward side of the adhesive, at least about 35% of the area of the inward side of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 0.001".

61. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 60 wherein at least about 35% of the area of the inward side of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 0.001".

65. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 63 wherein (a) when a test surface congruent in shape to the susceptor surface is placed on the outward side of the adhesive, at least about 35% of the area of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 0.001".

66. (amended) The fastening device according to Claim 65 wherein at least about 35% of the area of the adhesive in contact with said test surface can have inscribed within it circles having a diameter of $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 0.001".

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